



Port Alberni Fire Department

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Outdoor Burning Regulations

The following is a summary of Bylaw #5122, Section 16 as it pertains to outdoor burning.
https://www.portalberni.ca/sites/default/files/bylaws/5122_Fire%20Control%20Bylaw%20No%205122_2024.pdf

No outdoor burning is permitted, with the exception of campfires. A campfire is permitted throughout the year with the following conditions:

- Campfire means a small contained outdoor fire, not exceeding 0.5 meters (1.5 feet) in height and 0.5 meters (1.5 feet) in width, and used for cooking, ceremonial purposes, or social enjoyment.
- A competent adult must supervise the fire at all times
- Must have a minimum of 8 litres of water or functioning garden hose capable of reaching and extinguishing the fire.
- Open air burning must not take place within 3 metres of any grass, shrubbery, or wooden fence or any other Combustible Material or within 3 metres of any building.
- Burning of any manufactured material, including dimensional lumber or any compostable organic material such as but not limited to grass cuttings, leaves or vegetable matter is prohibited. Permissible Campfire fuels include dry firewood, branches and stems.
- You are liable for damage caused by a fire that has escaped from its point of origin and liable for the costs of the Fire Department extinguishing the fire.
- The use of incinerators or barrels is prohibited
- Open air burning is prohibited for land clearing debris, wastes from construction, and building demolition materials.

Smoke from your fire can inadvertently affect others. Please share a good neighbour approach while burning. The best practice is to explore other options such as recycling, shredding or composting.

If you have any questions regarding the above regulations, call the Port Alberni Fire Department at 250.724.1351.

The Fire Department has the right to enter any premises to examine and extinguish a fire that is in violation of Bylaw #5122. Any person found in violation of this bylaw may be liable to a fine for each offence. The Fire Chief may suspend any or all outdoor burning for reasons of public nuisance or public safety and in such event; no person shall carry on open burning within the City of Port Alberni.